Introduction
What is the nature of war in the 21st Century? Will the competition for natural resources intensify domestic and international conflict? Will the growing influence of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRICs) change international diplomacy? What are the political roots of global trade and finance?
In the 21st Century tackling global issues requires a deeper understanding of global politics and the players involved: governments, intergovernmental organisations, media, multinationals, and non-state actors. In our Master’s specialisation in International Relations (IR) you will learn to master different perspectives in order to understand the complexity of global issues and the dilemmas behind political choices.

Why should you choose International Relations in Nijmegen?
• Consistently ranked as the best Political Science/IR programme in the Netherlands
• Analytical and practice oriented
• Stimulating, collegial and interactive setting of small groups
• International staff who offer a wide range of expertise, are approachable and involve students in their research projects
• Close links with public and private organisations offering internships

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Four specialisation courses (24 ECs)
• Two methodology and ethics of research courses (12 ECs)
• Elective course/internship (6 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (18 ECs)

Daniel DeRock, MSc
United States
Alumnus of the specialisation International Relations
‘This Master’s gave me the theoretical tools to critically analyse any problem in international politics. The programme was full of international students from all around the world, all with different perspectives and background knowledge. This made the course discussions exciting and enlightening.’

Indra Römgens, MSc
Alumna of the specialisation International Relations
Junior Researcher at the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (Stichting Onderzoek Multinationale Ondernemingen)

‘The research skills and theoretical knowledge I gained in the IR programme provide an excellent basis for my job. I enjoy the ‘day on the job’ initiative through which I am matched with a current IR student who visits me at my workplace. This helps the student prepare for the job market and allows me to show the dynamics of my job and that working can indeed be fun!’
Admission requirements
You are required to have a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from a Dutch university, or an equivalent degree from a university outside the Netherlands (with sufficient coverage of quantitative and qualitative research methods). You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/politicalscience.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. If you apply after these dates, we will still consider your application and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl. International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

The best Political Science Master’s programme
Radboud University offers the best Political Science/International Relations Master’s programme in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the 2015 edition (and the five previous editions) of the Dutch magazine ‘Elsevier’ and the 2016 edition (and the three previous editions) of the Dutch information guide ‘Keuzegids Universiteiten’.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation International Relations at Radboud University?
Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

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